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TAX SALE – PUBLIC AUCTION!

San Diego County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister announced today that the upcoming 2004 Public Tax Sale Auction is scheduled for Friday, February 27 at 9:00 a.m. at the San Diego Concourse, 202 "C" St, in the Copper Room (Rooms 227 & 228). Only properties that have been delinquent for at least 6 years are subject to the tax sale.

By law, to avoid the tax sale, owners of delinquent properties have until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26th to redeem the property. Payment in full must be physically in our offices; a postmark of February 26th is NOT sufficient!

Currently, there are approximately 228 parcels still available for sale, 104 of the parcels are Timeshare properties, and 44 items are "improved properties". McAllister said, "These numbers will be reduced through the diligence of my staff personally contacting the owners of improved property and interacting with the Timeshare Associations involved." He anticipates that the majority of the improved properties and a large share of the Timeshares will be redeemed prior to the 5:00 p.m., February 26th deadline.

Information about the properties to be auctioned is contained in the official "Public Auction Tax Sale No. 6999" brochure. Interested bidders can purchase this brochure for \$10 at any of our public counters at the Treasurer-Collector's offices located at the County Administration Center at **1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego** and branch offices co-located with the County Assessor in **San Marcos** at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row"; **El Cajon** at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue; **Chula Vista** at 590 Third A venue; and **Kearny Mesa**, at 9225 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard.

Information on the current status of the properties listed in our brochure can be obtained by calling our Tax Sale Information line @ (619) 531-4862 or by accessing our website @ www.sdtreastax.com.